

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the previous listing of claims with the following listing of claims.

Listing of Claims

1. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A method for an event organizer to arrange the receipt of gifts for the event and services rendered in conjunction with the event, comprising:

creating an on-line database of gifts desired by the organizer and services desired by the organizer to be performed at the event using a processor,

obtaining a first price for the gifts and services in the database,

enabling access by gift givers to the database using a processor,

displaying on a display visible to the gift givers, the gifts and services in the database and a second price for the gift and services, the second price being greater than the first price,

enabling the gift givers to select one or more of the gifts and services for purchase on behalf of the organizer using a processor,

upon purchase by each gift giver of the selected one or more of the gifts and services, providing the organizer with funds from each gift giver equal to the second price for the selected one or more of the gifts and services, and

upon receipt by the organizer of funds from each gift giver equal to the second price for the selected one or more of the gifts and services,

enabling the organizer to direct one of the gift and service providers to forward the selected gift to the organizer or perform the selected service for the organizer at the event,

determining a difference between the first and second prices upon receipt by the organizer of funds from the gift giver equal to the second price using a processor, and

enabling the organizer to use at least part of the difference in price to purchase gifts and services in the database prior to the event.

2-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method for coordinating payment for products and services in connection with an event, comprising:

creating a database of a finite amount of goods and services desired by an event organizer for use at the event with an associated cost using a processor, the associated cost being a first price for the goods and services in the database;

embodying the database in computer-readable media;

enabling consumers other than the organizer to access the database using a processor and commit to payment for a selected one or more of the desired goods and services;

displaying on a display visible to the consumers other than the organizer, the goods and services in the database and a second price for the goods and services, the second price being greater than the first price;

associating using a processor, the manner of payment by the consumers other than the organizer with the selected one or more of the goods and services; and

upon acceptance by a provider of the selected one or more of the goods and services to the manner of payment associated with the goods and services by the consumers other than organizer,

contractually obligating the provider of the goods and services to deliver the goods for the event and perform the services at the event for the first price, and

removing the selected one or more of the goods and services from the database, and upon payment of the second price by the consumers other than the organizer, generating benefit for the event organizer based on the contractual obligation, the generated benefit being a difference between the first and second prices, and

enabling the event organizer to use the generated benefit to obtain goods to be delivered for the event and services to be performed at the event , and removing the selected one or more of the goods and services from the database.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

using a processor, determining specific events or parties in a specified geographical location within a specified range; and

displaying options on the display to the consumers other than the organizer for payment of the desired goods and services for the specific events or parties determined to be in the specified geographical location within the specified time range.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising soliciting providers of goods and services through a communications device or a processor to commit to provide the goods and services at the associated cost.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of creating [[a]] the database for the event using the processor comprises determining using the processor whether a good or service desired for the event is the same as a good or service desired for another event as contained in a

database for the other event, and if so, notifying potential providers of the good or services of the presence of multiple requests for the same good or service through a communications device or e-mail server.

13-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the contractual obligation of the provider of the goods and services to deliver the goods and services for the event is established prior to the event such that the benefit for the ~~event~~ organizer based on the contractual obligation is generated prior to the event and thus the ~~event~~ organizer is enabled to use the benefit to obtain goods and services event prior to the event.

22-29. (Canceled)

30. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of creating the database using the processor comprises:

displaying on the display different categories of goods and services to the organizer;

enabling the selection of each of the categories of goods and services by the organizer using a user interface with the display and a processor; and

for each category selected by the organizer using the user interface, displaying on the display different goods or services and enabling the selection of each of the goods and services,

whereby the organizer is able to, using the user interface, select either categories of goods and services for entry into the database, specific goods and services within each category for entry into the database or a combination thereof.

31. (New) The method of claim 9, further comprising contacting goods and service providers using communications devices to solicit bids from the goods and service providers, the bids being the first price for each of the goods and services.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, further comprising:

enlisting providers of goods and services using the communications devices to submit the bids for gifts and services listed in the database; and

electronically notifying the providers using the communications devices when one of the goods and services provided by the goods and service provider is included in the database.

33. (New) The method of claim 9, further comprising conducting an auction among possible providers using communications devices to obtain a lowest price for the goods and services, the lowest price being the first price for each of the goods and services.

34. (New) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

obtaining a price from several goods and service providers for each goods and service using communications devices;

enabling access to the database by the organizer using a processor;

displaying on the display coupled to the processor, the goods and services and the prices provided by the goods and service providers using the communications devices; and

enabling the organizer to use a user interface or processor to select from the goods and services displayed on the display and prices provided by the goods and service providers, the goods and services from any of the goods and service providers that submitted a price for the goods and services to include in the database to be displayed to the consumers.

35. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of creating the database using the processor comprises:

providing a server that enables creation of the database;

displaying on the display visible to each consumer other than the organizer options of different goods and services to the organizer provided by the server; and

displaying on the display advertising of providers of goods and services along with the options of different goods and services.

36. (New) The method of claim 9, further comprising providing funds equal to the first price to the provider of the goods and services upon payment of the second price by the consumers other than the organizer.

37. (New) The method of claim 9, further comprising limiting access to the database only to invitees to the event.

38. (New) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

upon access of the consumers other than the organizer to the database, presenting the consumers on the display with an option to give a monetary gift to the organizer; and

enabling the organizer to apply the monetary gift to purchase goods and services in the database or receive cash.

39. (New) The method of claim 9, further comprising limiting the consumers to friends and family of the organizer.

40. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the organizer notifies the consumers how to access the database using a communications device.

41. (New) The method of claim 9, further comprising enabling the organizer, after receiving payment of the second price by the consumers, to confirm the desirability of the selected one of the goods or services prior to being forwarded the goods from the provider or the performance of the services at the event.

42. (New) The method of claim 9, further comprising enabling the organizer, after receiving payment of the second price by the consumers, to exchange the goods or service selected prior to the event or prior to being forwarded the goods from the provider or the performance of the services at the event.